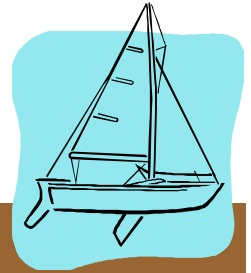


ELSC Windmill June 06



Coot and Grebe as the startline for the Ent Open

Events Diary:

- **Merlin Rocket Open – 4th June**
- **Summer Ball – 24th June**
- **Commodore's Shield – 25th June**
- **National 12 Vintage Open- 22nd July**
- **Summer Bottle 23rd July**

Open Season at Earlswood Lakes

Hiya Folks. Following the last newsletter being a lovely printed thing, this one should probably have reached you mostly by the miracle of email. This is so the club can keep printing and postage costs under control so we can spend more on sorting the club boats and safety boats, and the Clubhouse.

On the water Terry Bridgewater is making his Merlin fly on Saturday afternoons having won the Easter egg, Spring Saturday and SS Pursuit

series! (Handicap committee!?) The Team Racing event on 14th May was a hoot with the result in the balance to the very last lap! Well done to the "Kick Ass Mules". Who eventually prevailed! Results later....

Big thanks to Pete for the excellent rewiring job on the clubhouse and the winter sailors thank you in advance for the hot air dryers!

James P.

Commodore's Report

A very warm welcome to our new members joining from the training days!

M. Barnes	Topper Topaz
Dan Breakwell	Gp 14 Junior
Ms. L. Danachie	Crew
P. Maubach	Crew
B. Stanton	Crew
J. Wood	Crew
D. Mc Hale	Crew & Sophie Junior Crew
Daniel Rodwell	Crew
W. Garfield	Crew & 2 Junior Crews

We hope you will enjoy the club and its facilities, please don't hesitate to ask advice on any sailing related matters and we look forward to seeing you out on the water, and at social events too.



Thanks again to Alex and the Training team for their dedication and time during May.

Now that the Open Season has started it would be nice to see more club sailors starting the Opens (and staying until the end!). Don't forget this month we have the Summer Ball 24th June and the Commodore's Shield on the 25th June. Happy Sailing!

Diane M3241



"I dropped my Pink Cow and had to go back for it... it must have cost me a place!"
Team racing report



Wet'n' Wild at the Laser Open

Laser Open – April 2nd – Hang on to your hats!!



Steve bears down on Alan



Plane Sailing!?



Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club welcomed Lasers from seven other clubs to the second event of the Midland Grand Prix circuit. Competitors were met with a gusty force 4 wind with promises of more to come as the day progressed.

Race one got off to a clean start with Ian Lees and Adrian Sandilands leading the fleet. As the race progressed the wind increased and Ian Lees was seen to take his first swim of the day during a down wind leg. Adrian Sandilands went on to win race one followed by Michael Guest from Earlswood Lakes.

Between race 1 and 2 excellent lunch was served by Mary and Maggie leaving everybody refreshed and ready to fight the elements again.

Race two again got off to a clean start with Ian Lees and Adrian Sandilands again taking an early lead. The wind continued to rise and many

boats were seen to capsize during the race. It was Adrian Sandilands turn to lose the lead this time leaving Ian Lees to take line honours, again followed in second place by Michael Guest. Only four boats finished this race due to the increasingly difficult sailing conditions.

Race three saw the worst of the wind conditions; a howling force 5-6 and only seven of the original starters took to the water. Many capsizes and some retirements followed. Four boats completed the race with Ian Lees again in first place. Special mention should be made of Dee Fleming from Stauton Harold SC who battled on in some very difficult conditions to finish race 3.

Final Results

1 st Ian Lees	Dovestone SC
2 nd Adrian Sandilands	Dovestone SC
3 rd Michael Guest	Earlswood SC

Mike Guest

Barn Dance – The most tiring event!

On the 20th May the club held its Annual Barn Dance. Having already got a reputation for being the most tiring event that the club holds... this year's event was no exception.

Les managed yet again to get even the most reluctant dancers on their feet for an extended period, and the mix of adults and children made for some very amusing arch combinations.

A fish and chip supper and the combination of the gazebo, the whizzy new patio heater and Les's collection of Barn Dancing tapes made the event another memorable night in the Clubhouse. Tickets on sale now for the Summer Ball for the 24th June.

James P.



Dave Pendleton and Bernie on the case for ELSC.....

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Earlswood info Page – all the useful info in one place!



Jenny Parsons has got a large mound of horse manure going free to any good home!

Jenny Parsons - 01564 702016

See the club notice board for other adverts – email them to James for inclusion in “ELSCbay” next time!

The personal handicaps have just been updated. The new list is in the Clubhouse.

Novice Series starts on 18th June-a great way to build confidence in shorter races.



Email List for Everyone!

It's easier to communicate with you all via email in most cases, so don't miss out and join the Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club email D-List. Very useful for OD Duty swaps, finding a crew, finding a helm... the possibilities are endless.!

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Volunteer to be an
AOD to an
experienced OD...it'll
help your confidence!



Enterprise Open – Guest sailors “Rain” Again!

Two things are becoming a bit of a tradition at Earlswood lakes.

Firstly, it always seems to tip down at the Enterprise Open and, secondly, visiting Sailors run away with all of the prizes!

Dire weather was forecast with rain all day and for once the forecast was accurate. A moderate breeze with gusts over 10 Knots made for some fluky and awkward conditions on the water.

Eleven boats started the first race and the three visiting boats very quickly set out their stall in their bid to collect the silverware. The rain made sure that everyone deserved their lunches after the first race. With only Graham Bentley managing a podium finish in 3rd place for ELSC.

After lunch, and into a rainstorm the remaining boats set off again with the wind rising slightly and gusting a little more. The visitors had become accustomed to our lake and eventually came home

1st, 2nd and 3rd to place the match in the balance for the 3rd race.

A back to back start saw the remaining boats again start in to persisten train and a buffeting wind, but Graham Bentley couldn't do enough to hold off the visitors from taking all of the silverware.

Results:

- 1st Martin Davis – Daventry SC
- 2nd Mike Casey – Tamworth SC
- 3rd Paul Young – Brookvale SC
- 4th Graham Bentley – ELSC
- 5th Dave Vanes – ELSC
- 6th James Patterson - ELSC

Graham Bentley



Team Racing...the hunter ...and the hunted!

To give the club an extended range of events to offer we introduced a Team Racing event into the Calendar. Fifteen racers entered the event in 5 teams of three with each racer drawing a stuffed team mascot from the bag to pick the teams.

The five teams were thus named the Crazy Horses, the Mad Cows, the Kick Ass Mules, the Bearly Ables and the Sitting Ducks, and a “no Protests” rule was put in place to keep the event light hearted! ;-)

A Menagerie start beating towards Windmill in light winds caused rather a pile up of boats at the windward mark. This was made even more fun by the fact that Frank Fern had decided to give up on a qualifying score to stand off competitors to his mighty Mad Cows team of Dave Smith and Alex Bajjon (who ended up with the overall best score on the day!)

At the end of race one the Kick Ass Mules and the Mad Cows both had 8 pts, the Crazy Horses and the Sitting Ducks had 14 each and the Bearly Ables had 17 pts.

In the second race with all 15 boats again competing, the “mustachioed assassin” set to work disrupting the other fleets to allow his teammates a clearer run at the line, but alas, to no avail as the Kick Ass Mules of Alan Wright, Skip Dufrane, and Pete Newbury took the inaugural Team Racing honours.

James P.

5, 4, 1, 0 Flags and Horns for the Start



At 5 Mins, Raise Class Flag
And sound the horn
(This one is Menagerie Start)



At 4 Mins, Raise Prep Flag
And sound the horn



At 1 Min, Lower Prep Flag
And sound the horn



At 0 Min, Lower Class Flag
And sound the horn

ELSC Results – Easter Egg, Grand Splash.....

Terry and Estelle Bridgewater have made a really good start to the season, winning both the Spring Saturday series and also the Easter Egg. Terry's personal handicap, having been lowered twice already this year, is likely to go down again!

Here are the results for the series and one day events completed so far since the start of the season:

Easter Egg races: in series -> 3

Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
Terry Bridgewater	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
Robert Marshall	3.0	5.0	2.0	1.0
Dave Smith	5.0	2.0	3.0	
Frank Fern	6.0	3.0	6.0	3.0
Peter Newbery	8.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Paul Dufrane	10.0	6.0	5.0	5.0

Spring Saturday

Number of races: in series-> 10 to count-> 5

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1	Terry Bridgewater	8.0	1.0	8.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	1.0	
2	Dave Coombs	17.0		2.0	10.0	9.0		7.0	3.0		3.0	2.0
3	Alex Bajjon	20.5	4.0	8.0		9.0		3.0	1.0	4.5		
4	Ken Bridgewater	27.0		8.0		9.0		6.0	2.0	8.0	3.0	
5	Jack Hawkins	28.0		8.0		9.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	

Spring Saturday Pursuit

Number of races: in series-> 10 to count-> 5

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1	Terry Bridgewater	11.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	
2	Dave Coombs	18.0	4.0	4.0		5.0		8.0	2.0		8.0	3.0
3	Jack Hawkins	22.0			5.0		6.0	4.0	4.0	3.0		
4	Alex Bajjon	26.0		1.0	2.0		11.0	3.0	9.0			
5	Paul Dufrane	27.0				1.0	1.0	5.0		5.0	1.0	

Grand Splash

Number of races: in series-> 3 to count-> 2

Pos	Name	Points	R1	R2	R3
1	Steve Perring	2.0	1.0	1.0	
2	Darren Layton	4.0	4.0	3.0	1.0
3	Graham Bentley	5.0	3.0	2.0	
4	Frank Fern	8.0	2.0	6.0	1.0
5	Dave Pendleton	12.0	8.0	4.0	
6	Dermot O'Brien	16.0	11.0	5.0	
7	Alex Bajjon	21.0	7.0	1.0	1.0
8	Alex Layton	23.0	9.0	1.0	
9	James Patterson	24.0	10.0	1.0	



Racing classes at Earlswood

Those who have been either watching or taking part in the races recently will have spotted the growing number of boat classes now sailing at Earlswood. Not so long ago, there were five main classes: Merlins, National 12s, Enterprises, Lasers and Solos. At the start of the 90s, Toppers and Mirrors were accepted into the Club; it's self-evident that the Toppers really caught on, especially with our younger sailors. I had one of the few Mirrors but it is now no more. The advent of the newer classes of boat really started in about 1997 when Mark Davies introduced the RS300 to the Club. He was also instrumental in changing the Club rule about boat classes so that we now accept boats within a specific Portsmouth Yardstick handicap range.

Darren and Karen Layton have recently rejoined the Club and have made their presence felt with a new Topper Xenon. If, while you're sailing on the lake, you experience an eclipse of the sun it's probably nothing more than the black asymmetric spinnaker of the Xenon bearing down on you!

'Skip' Dufrane has gone single-handed with a Laser EPS. This boat, complete with wings – if Skip ever gets them extended there'll be no

room for anyone else to sail – is now the fastest boat in the Club – well, that's the theory and Skip's still working on the practice!

Lastly, Robert Marshall has handed on his Topaz to son Neil and is now sailing a proper boat. The Topaz can be sailed with a variety of rigs – oh what joy for the sailing secretary – and Neil is currently sailing it with the 'standard' rig, as opposed to the race rig that Robert used. The only trouble for Neil is that he has to sail like the proverbial 'bat out of hell' to keep ahead of the Toppers.

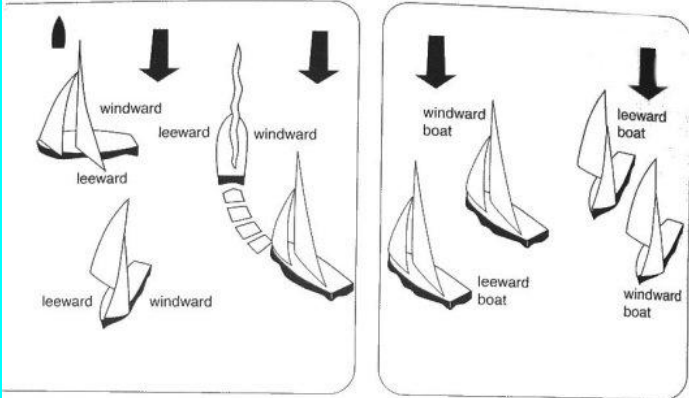
Those who are observant will have noticed the new racing results whiteboard in the Clubhouse. At the moment it just shows the current standings for the Sunday race series. It seems to have generated some interest in the progress of each race series and the option is there for people to correct, update or generally deface the results.

Since the start of the season, flags have been used to start all races. There are flag identification charts and also individual race procedure charts to assist the OD. Please let me know how you find this and if there is anything extra I can do to help with these procedures.

Alan Wright

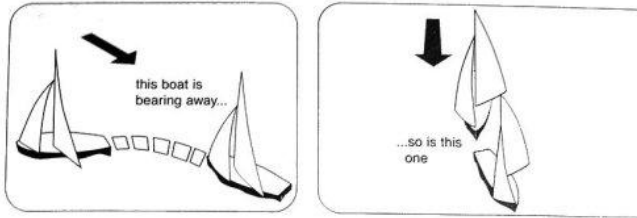
Rules Corner – This month- Definitions and Terms for Sailors

For the new sailors amongst us, these are the common definitions and rules that govern the racing at Earlswood

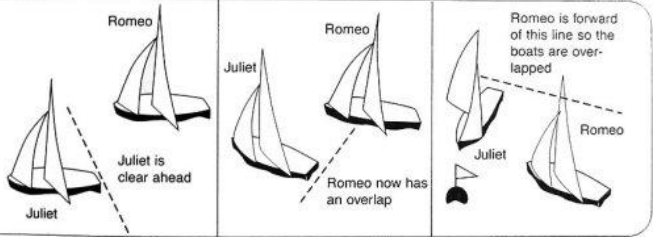


Windward and leeward
 'A boat's leeward side is the side that is or, when she is head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when sailing by the lee or directly downwind, her leeward side is the side on which her mainsail lies. The other side is her windward side. When two boats on the same tack overlap, the one on the leeward side of the other is the leeward boat. The other is the windward boat.' (Definitions)

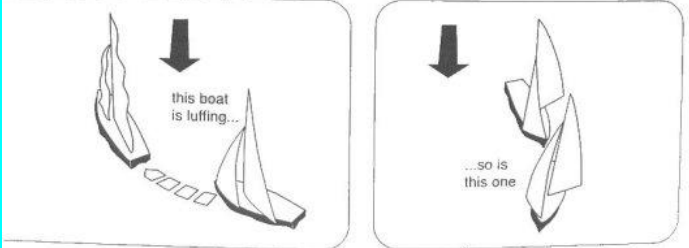
Bearing away
 A boat that is bearing away is changing course away from the wind. Other phrases commonly used are: 'bearing off', 'bearing down', 'freeing off' and 'putting the helm up'.



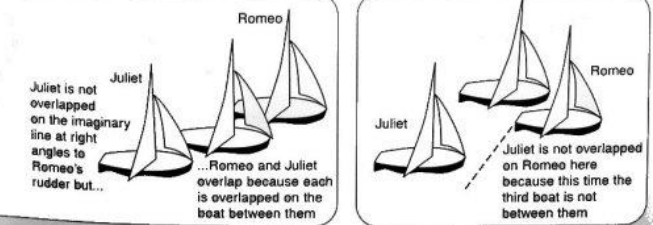
Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap
 'One boat is clear astern of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is clear ahead.'



Luffing
 A boat is luffing when she is changing course towards the wind. Other phrases commonly used to mean the same as luffing are: 'hardening up', 'pointing up' and 'putting the helm down'.



Boats overlap when neither is clear astern or when a boat between them overlaps both' (Definitions).



Training update – Welcome to the new sailors

We have had a fantastic start to the training year. May 6th saw the RYA inspector arrive at the club for our annual inspection along with seven adults and seven children keen to learn the sport of the gods (dingy sailing). They were met by an army of instructors who worked hard over the sessions to mould this eager group into sailors, who before long were sailing around triangles, racing around a course and easily parking in the trees. The RYA Coach was impressed by "how well the STAFF worked together and how it all ran very smoothly". We scored very well on the inspection and I would like to thank everyone for putting on this show.

It's great to see that the number of junior members has increased so much. The club has purchased a new Topper to join our fleet of club boats. We now have 4 Enterprises, 1 Laser, 2 Optimists and now 2 Toppers. These are available to all members for just £3.00 for a race or £5.00 for half a day.

We are looking forward to our next sailing course, which is July 8th, & 9th. We still have places available for both adults and juniors, so if you know any one who wants to be trained by the 'greatest' staff in the midlands, give me a call.

I welcome to the club all the new members and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Alex

